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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF INDONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement by H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia dated 28 February 1991 on the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I would be grateful if the text of the statement could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement by H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Indonesia, dated 28 February 1991 on the situation in the Persian Gulf

The Government of Indonesia welcomes the announcement by the United States, on behalf of the Coalition Forces, of the suspension of offensive combat operations starting at noon of 28 February 1991. We are also pleased to learn that the Security Council will convene a meeting in which Iraq will convey its decision to comply fully with all the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

We therefore fervently hope that steps will be taken towards a cease-fire and that a comprehensive cessation of hostilities will take place. Furthermore we would like to express our hope that the Council will immediately initiate the consideration of the political aspects of the settlement to the Gulf war and appropriate actions to be taken.

Finally, Indonesia shares in the happiness of the people of Kuwait as they regain their freedom and independence in conformity with the United Nations Security Council resolutions.